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- 5. Take a 10 to 15 minute break every hour.

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INTRODUCTION

This is *Drome Racers*. High-octane fuelled racing action featuring the best cars and the top teams as you battle it out across the Drome's infamous racing circuits. Jump into a Quick Race, race against your friends in Multiplayer, or go for the best lap times in Time Attack. Prove yourself in the Dragster Challenge with that final burst of power or take the ultimate test: the full Championship. Can you get the coveted Gold Cups or even a place on the podium? Jump in, put your foot down and roar off in a blast of explosive racing power!

The year is 2015: it's a wired world and what everyone wants is entertainment in ever more thrilling forms. And that's exactly what the Drome provides! Whether you tune in via TV or the Net, or actually travel there to experience the spectacle for yourself. You'll see the greatest racing teams in the world, competing across the most hazardous, most extreme range of racetracks ever created. For spectator and competitor alike, it's a once-in-a-lifetime experience. The tremendous roar of the crowds within the Drome is only drowned out by the ear-splitting and powerful racing engines pushed to the limit.

GETTING STARTED

- 1. Turn OFF the power switch on your Nintendo® Game Boy® Advance. Never insert or remove a Game Pak when the power is on.
- Insert the Drome Racers Game Pak into the Game Boy Advance.
 Press firmly to lock the Game Pak in place.
- Turn ON the POWER switch and the startup screens will appear. If you don't see the startup screens then begin again at step 1 (above).
- 4. You will see the Drome Racers title screen. Press START to continue.

CONTROLS

Menu Options

Highlight Option Control Pad Up/Down/ Left / Right

Select Option A Bulton

Return to Previous Screen B Button

Game Controls

Road and Off Road Cars

Steer Left/Right Control Pad Left/Right

Accelerate A Bulton

Brake Bulton

Use Power-Up L Bulton

Use Nitro (if available) R Bulton

Pause/Game Options Menu START



Dragsters

Steer Left/Right Control Pad Left/Right

Accelerate A Bulton

Brake B Button

Change Gear Up/Down Control Pad Up/Down

Clutch

Use Nitro (if available)

R Bulton

Pause/Game Options Menu START

Other Controls

Access additional information screens R Button

STARTING A GAME

Resuming a Game

Drome Racers allows you to resume a previously saved game.

If you have previously started a game, the information from it will automatically be loaded when you start up the game.

If there is no saved game and the save slot is 'empty' you will be taken to the Enter Name Screen.

Enter Name

- Enter three letters (initials or name) you want to be known by in your
 Drome Racers career by using the Control Pad Up/Down/Left/Right.
- Press the B Button to delete a letter or number.
- When you have finished, select OK and press the A Button to confirm and you will be taken to the Main Menu Screen.

Main Menu Screen

This is the hub of the game, where you choose what type of *Drome Racers* challenge you want to take.

Use Control Pad Left/Right to select your choice from:

Quick Race – This is instant action! Get on the track NOW! Get racing and don't waste any more time.

Arcade – All the fun and thrills of an arcade game giving you the choice of three different racing options: Single Race, Time Altack, or Dragster Racing.



The Championship – This is the ultimate *Drome Racers* challenge. Compete for the Cups and try to win the prestigious Drome Championship.

Multiplayer – Up to 4 friends can play a multi-Pak game with the Game Boy® Advance Game Link® Cable. Take on the Arcade Challenge in Single Race, Time Attack or Dragster Racing.

Options – Change the game options to suit your style of play.

QUICK RACE

Now let's get racing!

 Select Quick Race from the Main Menu Screen using the Control Pad Left/Right and press the A Button.

You will be taken to the random car /track generator.

Look at this carefully (you only have five seconds counted down at the bottom of the screen to change your mind).

- Press the R Button to regenerate another random car/track combination.
- Press the A Button to select the track shown or press the B Button to return to the Main Menu.

The Quick Race Screen



Circuit – This shows the position of all the six racers on a top down view of the track.

Speed - Your current race speed shown in MPH or KMPH.

Position - Your current position in the race.

Time - Your total race time.

Lap - The lap you are currently on.

Pick-Ups

The Weapons

As you race around the *Drome Racers* circuits you will see a number of weapon pick-ups hovering on the track. Aim the car to hit the weapons in order to pick them up. There are seven weapon pick-ups available that you can use to help you win the race:



Homing Rocket – This 'locks on' to a target in front of you and follows it.



Triple Rocket – You've got three rockets that fire in a straight line individually. Aim carefully!



Mine - This lays an explosive mine on the track behind your car.



Disruptor — This powerful forcefield around your car will damage any rivals that touch it.



Shield – This protects you from rivals' weapons pick-ups.



Rocket – A single but very powerful rocket that fires in a straight line. You'll have to aim carefully.



Flare – This blinds all of the opposition drivers in the race.

Nitros

A supercharged burst of speed for a short period of time can be picked up on the track. Gold Nitros will give you ONE burst of speed immediately. Silver Nitros can be picked up and saved like the other pick-ups and used when needed (but only one can be saved at a time).

Pick-Up Controls



Use Power-Up

Use Silver Nitro

L Bulton

R Button

Pause Menu

You can Pause the game at any point in a race by pressing the START Bulton. This will open the Pause/Game Options screen where you can:

- Change Sound Effects Volume

Change Music Volume

- Change Screen Brightness

Retry that Race from the start

- Quit to the Main Menu

- Resume the Race

ARCADE

The Arcade racing option in the Main Menu screen gives you a choice of three racing modes:

Single Race

A single-player race where the winner takes all! You are free to choose which track you want to race on and which car you want to drive.

- Select Single Race in the Arcade Race Menu screen
- Select the track you want using Control Pad Left/Right. You are shown an image of the track on the left and details of:
- Track Zone: Canyon, Mountain, Desert, Urban, Ice or High Speed
- Track Type: On Road, Off Road
- Number of Laps
 - Press the A Button to select a track.
 - Select the car you want to race on that track.

All weapons Power-Ups and Nitros are available to you in this mode.

Time Altack

This is you against the clock. Beat the all-time lap records. You've got no opponents to get in the way or power-ups to pick up but you will still find Nitros on the track and you can use these to give you that extra edge by boosting your speed.

Select Track and Car you want as for the Single Race (above).

The Time Altack screen shows details of the Best Lap and the Current Record (top left).

Dragsters

This is where you'll face the ultimate straight-line speed challenge, on full burnout inside an ultra powerful dragster racer. You'll be racing both against the clock and against another opponent.

Select Single Race or Battle Mode.

Dragster Single Race

Single Race – the winner of a single drag race takes all.

- Select a Track Length from Novice, Intermediate, Professional, and Expert
- Select Your Dragster.

Clutch

You can choose between Automatic (you will not have to worry about the clutch when changing gears), or Manual (YOU will have to control the Clutch when you change gears).

False Starts

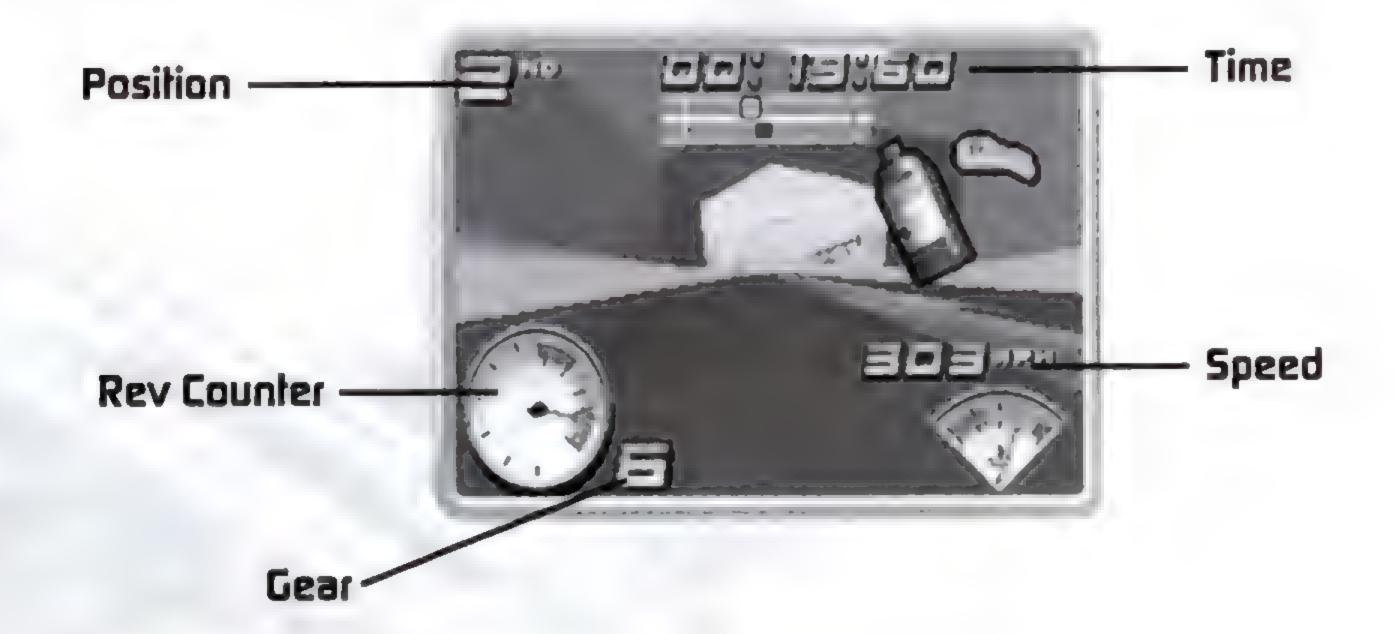
Do not try to jump the start or you'll get a false start.

Baltle Mode

In Baltle Mode you'll have to race (and beat) progressively faster opponents as you try to get as many consecutive wins as possible in the challenge.

- Select Battle Mode at the Choose Game screen and you will be taken to the Select Your Dragster screen.
- Select Your Dragster
- Press the R Button in this screen to switch between automatic and manual clutch.
- Check out your next opponent in Battle Mode.

The Race Screen



The Race

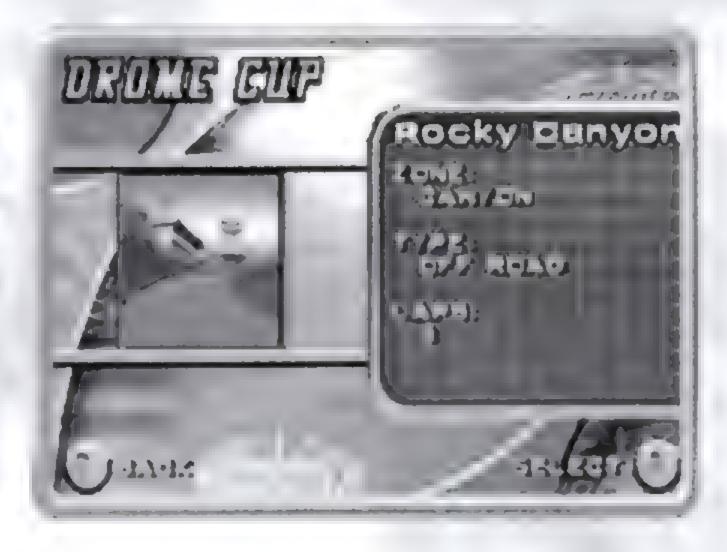
Wait for the countdown: 3 - 2 - 1. Go! Go rapidly through the gears without blowing the engine until you are in top gear. Then get an injection of Nitrous Oxide to give you a massive final burst of speed.

THE CHAMPIONSHIP

The Cups

This is the ultimate *Drome Racers* challenge. Race for and try to win all the Drome Cups, as the competition becomes progressively more difficult. Put everything that you have learned in the other game sections to the test and see if you can handle the biggest test of all.

You will start each Cup challenge on the very first track. To progress to the next track you must try to finish with a place in the top three (a podium finish). You will need to race on every track for each Cup challenge. Each Cup features a mixture of on-road/off-road tracks located in different parts of the Drome.



When all of your points are compiled in a Cup competition, you must be in the top three positions to achieve a podium finish in that particular Cup. This will 'unlock' the next Cup. You will be awarded a Bronze, Silver, or Gold award depending on your podium position at the end of each Cup.

In a normal championship race, you will be awarded 3 bonus points if you arrive in first place, 2 bonus points in second place and 1 bonus point in third place.

To be crowned the ultimate Drome Racers Champion, you must win Gold in ALL the Cups!

- Cup 1 is the Drome Cup taking place over FOUR tracks.
- Cup 2 is the Pro Racer Cup taking place over FIVE tracks.
- Cup 3 is the Ultimate Racer Cup taking place over FIVE tracks.
- Cup 4 is the Dromulus Cup taking place over FOUR tracks.

Remember, it won't be easy. As you compete for each Cup, each track will become more challenging and your rival drivers will become progressively more skillful.

Data Screen

If and when you manage to gain a podium finish in a Cup, the Team Information screen will show details of this (press the R Button to access). If you choose to go back and race again for that the Cup with the same team and you manage to beat your previous Cup result, that information shown will be updated on the Data Screen.

Drome Racers automatically saves the data for each team, so your ultimate aim is to win the Championship with every team and achieve Gold in all the available Cups.

Your First Race

- Select Championship from the Main Menu screen.
- Select your Team from H.O.T., R.E.D., ZERO or MAVERICK.
- Press the R Button to view a picture of the team car and the names of the Lead Driver and Chief Mechanic.
- Press the A Button to accept that car and you will be taken to the first track of the first Cup.
- Check all details (Track Zone, Track Type, Number of Laps) and press the A Button to continue.

Qualifying For the Race

You will be given the option to Qualify for each Championship race.

Select Qualify Yes or No.

Qualification takes place in a single drag race when you have to try to get the best possible time compared to the other five drivers. If you qualify first you will be given first place on the starting grid. If you manage to get the fastest time of all the competitors you will also be given an EXTRA Bonus Upgrade Point that can be used to improve the performance of your car.

If you choose not to participate in the Qualification round then you will be placed last on the starting grid and will not have the Upgrade Bonus.

Drome Racers Teams and Cars

When you first start playing *Drome Racers* you will have four teams to choose from:

HOT RED ZERO MAVERICK

Each ream has a set of three cars: one road car, one off road car and one dragster – all distinguished by their own logo.

There are also two 'locked' teams:

NITRO EXO FORCE

Team NITRO is available to you when you achieve a podium finish in a FULL Drome Racer Championship.

Team EXO FORCE is available to you when you achieve a podium finish in a FULL *Drome Racers* Championship using Team NITRO.

The 'locked' Teams/Cars become available in the other race modes after you have unlocked them in the Championship.

When you choose your Team/Car you can cycle through the Teams using the Control Pad Left/Right (Press A Button to select). Press the R Button in this screen and you will cycle through three information screens:

- Team Information / Driving Style
- Cup Information (YOUR achievements to date)
- Team/Cars screen

Once you have chosen a Team to use in the Championship you must use that Team throughout the season (from the first to the last race).

Upgrades

You can upgrade you cars during the Championship as you accumulate Bonus Points. Points are given at the end of each race if you have achieved a top three podium finish and you can then distribute these points amongst any of the three cars owned by your team.

Each car has the following statistics that can be improved:

- Top Speed
- Acceleration

- Handling

- Grip

After you have won Bonus Upgrade Points you will be taken to the upgrade screen.



The number of available Bonus Upgrade Points are shown on the top left. You must allocate ALL available points before you can move on from this screen.

Allocating Upgrade Points

- Select a category using the Control Pad Up/Down.
- Press the Control Pad Right to 'spend' the point(s).
- Press Control Pad Left to take the points back (if you make a mistake).

Note that you cannot remove upgrade points spent in a previous round – only the round just completed.

- Cycle through the cars in your team's garage by pressing the B Button.
- Press the A Button to confirm all changes.

MULTIPLAYER GAMES

Drome Racers allows you to play against up to three friends linked via a Multi-Pak Game Boy Advance Game Link Cable in Multiplayer mode.



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Link up your Game Boy® Advance as shown in your technical manual.

All players must have their own *Drome Racers* Game Pak inserted in their Game Boy® Advance. The Multiplayer screen will show how many players are successfully linked.

- Choose your challenge from:
- Single Race
- Time Altack

- Dragster (only 2 players can play link dragsters)

For full game details see Arcade (above).

OPTIONS

Drome Racers gives you a number of game options accessed from the Main Menu screen.

The options menu opens to a new screen with 4 different selections – Settings, Game Data, Records, and Help.

Settings:

Use the Control Pad Up/Down to select and Control Pad Left/Right to

- Adjust Sound FX Volume

- Adjust Music Volume

- Adjust Screen Brightness

- View Credits

- Return to the Main Menu screen

Game Data

Drome Racers will save all your game data under the name you first enter when you begin the game. As you progress through the game the data is saved to that name. However if you decide at some point that you want to start again you can reset the saved Game Data on three levels in this screen:

- Reset all of your Lap and Race Records.
- Reset the Championship
 (resets everything to before you started a Championship).
- Reset Everything
 (all your records, name entry, unlocked tracks, cars and teams).

Records

If you want to see the game records, select this option by pressing the Control Pad Left/Right and press the A Button.

Help

The player can access information about in-game controls and gameplay tips.

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